GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
SUBURBAN RAILWAYS
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have been incurring a loss of Rs.900 crore every year in the running of the suburban railways;

(b) if so, the details along with the reasons for such losses;

(c) whether Railways are considering the option of running the suburban railways on the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model by forging partnership with State Governments and private agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.53 BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.2.2008 REGARDING SUBURBAN RAILWAYS.

(a) & (b) Railways have been incurring losses in running suburban services.
The losses borne by the Railways on this account in the last 5 years were as follows.

Year	Losses (Rs. in crore)
2002-03	650
2003-04	807
2004-05	747
2005-06	837
2006-07	928

The major reasons for such losses are low second class ordinary fares and concessions granted in the case of monthly and quarterly season ticket fares Commuters availing concessionary season tickets constitute 67 percent of all suburban passengers.

(c) & (d) There is no suburban Railway Project presently on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under consideration of the Ministry of Railways. However, some suburban projects on cost sharing basis between the Ministry of Railways and different State Governments in the cities of Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Hyderabad are in progress.